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# Russian Women Praised

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ESTES PARK, Colo., Sept. 12.

— An American scientist said Thursday that Russian women must be given the credit for what success the Soviet Union has had and will have in challenging U. S. leadership in the world.

Dr. Raymond Ewell, vice chancellor for research at the University of Buffalo in New York, said in an interview that Russian men and women are imbued with a fanaticism as powerful as that of the Moslems in their desire to surpass Americans in every field.

The scientist, here for the three-day 1958 National Conference on Administration of Research which opened Wednesday, spent all November traveling throughout Russia on one of the few complete travel visas issued to Americans. He was in Moscow at the time Sputnik II was launched.

"This is the first time in our history that we have been seriously challenged by another power," Ewell said. "And this is the first time there has been a chance for success by the challenger."

He said every Russian, man and woman, is determined to outdo the United States.

"If the Russians lick us economically," he said, "the women will be the deciding factor."

He said one large electrical factory he visited used women to operate the biggest lathes in the production of giant generators. He said all Russian factories maintain nurseries to care for children so mothers can work.

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Ewell said Russia is equal or ahead of the United States in a few isolated areas in science—an example, rocket engine development. But he said American science still leads in 90 pct. of the field.

He said Russia is no more anxious for war than is the United States, but that the battle for economic, scientific and political world leadership is under way in earnest.

"A military war with them as with us is only a last resort," Ewell said.

Ewell toured Russia while in India as an economic advisor for the National Science Foundation.

Research administration in Russia will be discussed Friday morning at the conference by Donald F. Chamberlain, chief of the fundamental science division, scientific intelligence, Central Intelligence Agency.